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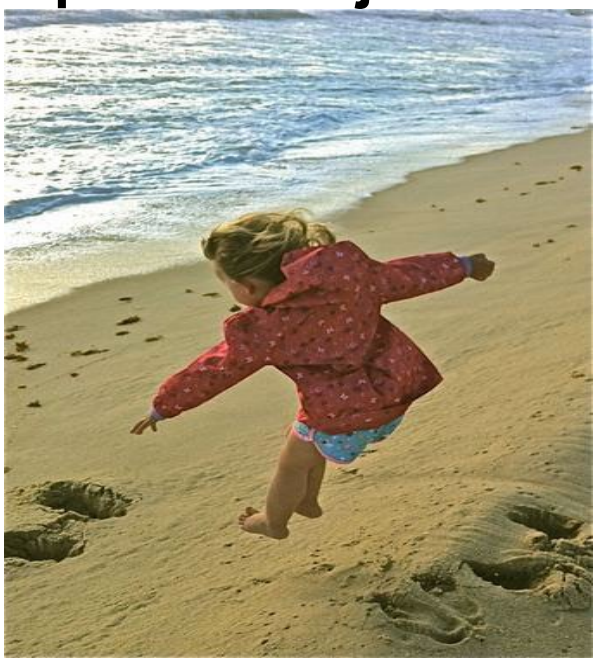
An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice



August 21, 2022
10:00 am

“Healing Reign”
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
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To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**

"O Holy Dove of God Descending", Bryan Leech

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **PATTY SHERWOOD**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Zoom Host, Worship Leader and Greeter is Patty Sherwood.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Let It Shine"
196 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Leader: Our God knows us intimately. You knew us before we knew ourselves.

People: We rejoice knowing our steps are guided by you, and you are reliable.

Leader: Our God is holy. You consecrate us.

People: We delight in your presence and give thanks you deliver us from fear.

Leader: Our God will reassure.

People: Holy God, embolden us to speak your truth to power.
Let the power of your truth always be evident in us.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Lead on Cloud of Presence"
50 Dancing in the Universe, Ruth Duck

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 1:4-10** **PATTY SHERWOOD**

SECOND READING **Luke 13:10-17** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"For the Healing of the Nations"
576 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Healing Reign"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Transforming God,
Too often we have been afraid to speak out against the injustices of this world.
We have worshipped in ways that made us feel good
rather than honor you in our words and deed.
Forgive us.
Show us the path to faithful living.
Show us how to build beloved and just communities.
Teach us how to do your work in this world.
Empower us to plant seeds of love, faith, and hope.
May we bloom where we have been planted to your glory.
Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

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Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
John Dykes

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **PATTY SHERWOOD**

Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to you.
Take our talents, our energy, and our joy. Work through us to share your love.
Take our mistakes, our regrets, and our pain; let them be tools to bring your healing.
Magnify the gifts we offer before you today to spread your peace in the world.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Joys Are Following Like a River"
284 NCH

BENEDICTION **PASTOR LIZ**

As you depart from this sacred space, do so fearlessly for God's word is in you. Go and speak truth to power. Go and build beloved community wherever you roam and plant seeds of love, faith, and hope. Amen

Amen

POSTLUDE **"Spirit of the Living God"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Daniel Iverson

PASSING THE PEACE ***Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**

***Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Catania, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Patty Sherwood, Zoom Host/Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Hymn Profiles:** *Dancing in the Universe,* Ruth Duck
  The New Century Hymnal (1996)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: **Jeanette Sherrill, Zoom Host/Worship Leader**

Luncheon Gathering: **TODAY AT 2:00** Lillian Long will host us at her home:

505 Boulderstone Ln., Chelsea, 48188.

Ride-sharing would be a good idea as Chelsea is about a half hour drive from Ypsilanti. Pastor Liz will be at Lillian's beforehand helping host and won't be able to drive folks.

Rev Dan Kidder-McQuon will be preaching next Sunday, August 28.
Thank you, Dan for sharing your faith, witness and creativity.

Follow-up to Heather McGhee book study. ***The Sum of Us: What Racism Cost Everyone*** by Heather McGhee was one of our book studies last Fall. Tad Wysor has found a new podcast of her which he recommends to all of us. Check it out and as Tad said, *let's keep stirring the pot and keep those awesome conversations elicited by the book going!!!*

https://open.spotify.com/episode/30VumyrlhkZzhJ20FRYHlT?si=aUX4Qi_pSTCPnCl_i38et4EQ

Sunday, September 18 is our Fall Kick-Off Sunday. Hybrid worship (both in-person and on Zoom) resumes.

Beginning Monday, Oct 3 at 7:00 pm Zoom: Weekly gathering for our community of faith to complete the work of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*:

- Thanks to all who completed the Google Survey on day/time availability.
- A majority of folks (11 total) indicated they could be available Monday at 7:00 pm.
- In order to address the concerns raised by almost half the responders about absences due to summer family and travel commitments, these discernment gatherings will begin on **Monday, Oct 3**
- Please use the more relaxed summertime to allow the ideas in Susan Beaumont's book to percolate while continuing to pray that we may recognize and respond to the ministry and missions God's Spirit is calling YFC UCC to next.

The Coffee Ministry at Trinity Health St Joseph Mercy continues.
During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of our faith community provided local coffee, cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at St. Joe Hospital where Dan Kidder-McQuon is the night chaplain.

While COVID has faded (for now), and the hospital has resumed "normal" operations for the most part. What hasn't changed has been the stress level of night staff. Some of this is leftover from the effects of COVID: lack of staff, nation-wide nurse shortage, burnout.

In response to the ongoing night staff stress, Dan has kept the coffee ministry going, which continues to mean a great deal to the night staff.

Local establishments that roast their own coffee, which the staff has enjoyed include:

Hyperion Coffee Co, RoosRoast, Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, Mighty Good Coffee Roasting Co, Zingermans Coffee Co, TeaHaus, Bridge Community Café, or a favorite coffee of a member of our community.

From Dan: *Some angels of our church have helped me keep the coffee ministry going. On a regular basis, I get the best coffee in Michigan dropped off by Marty, plus resupplies of cups. You have no idea how thankful I am, and how thankful the staff are for this blessing. It's spread: A couple staff members (a security sergeant and a nurse) have been donating coffee, as they know about the ministry. I just want the church to know you have been a blessing to hundreds of nurses, techs, doctors, clerks, cleaners, security, and every now and then chaplains and patient families. Holy grounds!*

Marty Kleino will gladly see your contribution reach Dan. Contact Marty: 734-262-1419.

Sunday, September 25: Our Neighborhood and Community Pet Blessing Ceremony. Jenn Zibbell, MID, is Team Lead for this special event. Look for more from Jenn as to how you can participate in preparations.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

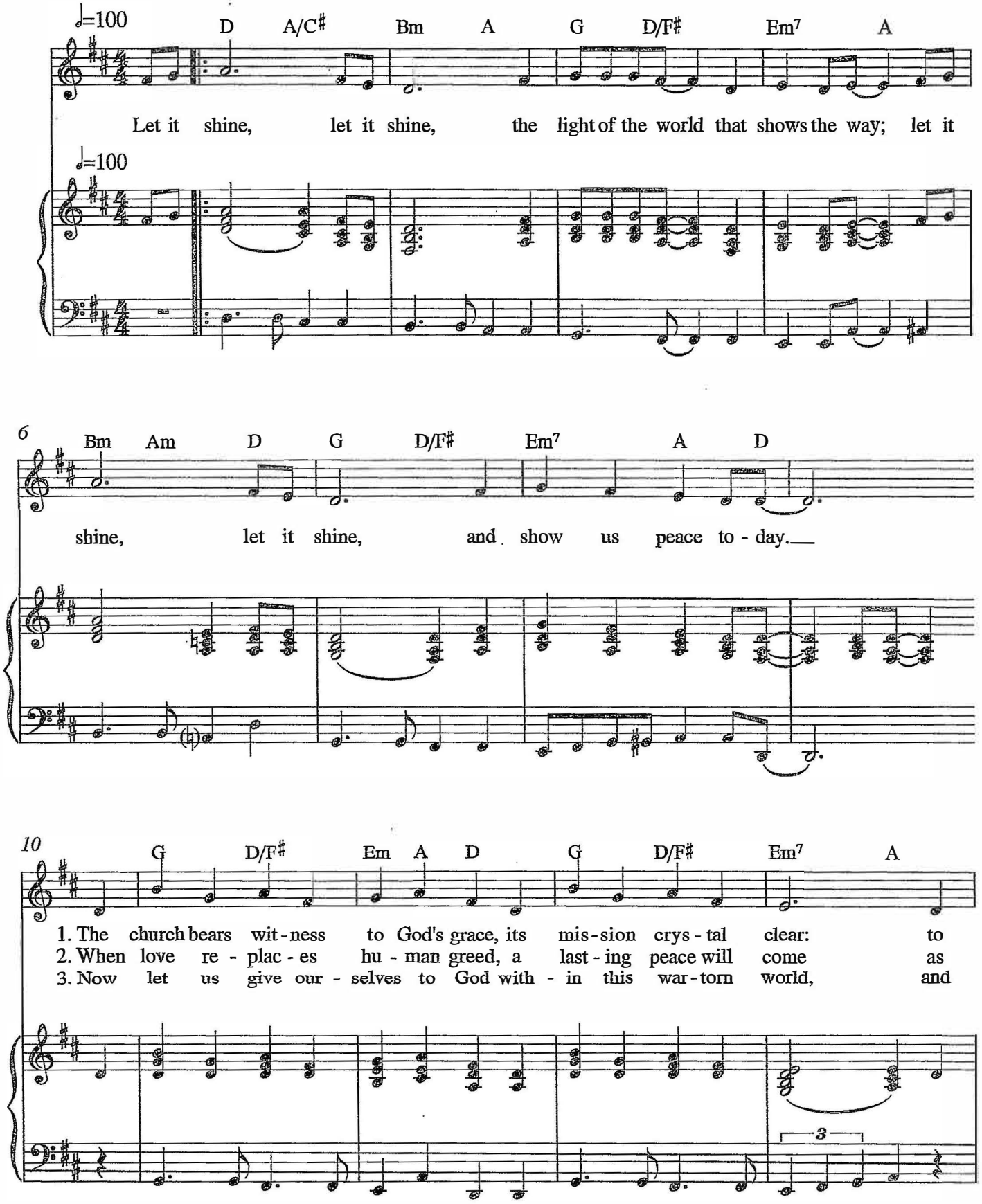
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local “organization of organizations” **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC’s focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC’s Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we’re working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Let It Shine

♩=100
D A/C♯ Bm A G D/F♯ Em7 A
Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that shows the way; let it
♩=100
6
Bm Am D G D/F♯ Em7 A D
shine, let it shine, and show us peace to - day.
10
G D/F♯ Em A D G D/F♯ Em7 A
1. The church bears wit - ness to God's grace, its mis - sion crys - tal clear: to
2. When love re - plac - es hu - man greed, a last - ing peace will come as
3. Now let us give our - selves to God with - in this war - torn world, and
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15 G D/F♯ F♯ Bm Em Asus A

1.2.

show the world God's hu - man face, a world that God holds dear. Let it
hands reach out to hu - man need from hearts no long - er numb. Let it
work till jus - tice walks a-broad with flags of peace un -

19 Asus A D A/C♯ Bm A G D/F♯

3.

-furled. Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that

23 Em7 A Bm Am D G D/F♯ Em7 A D

shows the way; let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace to-day.

50 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

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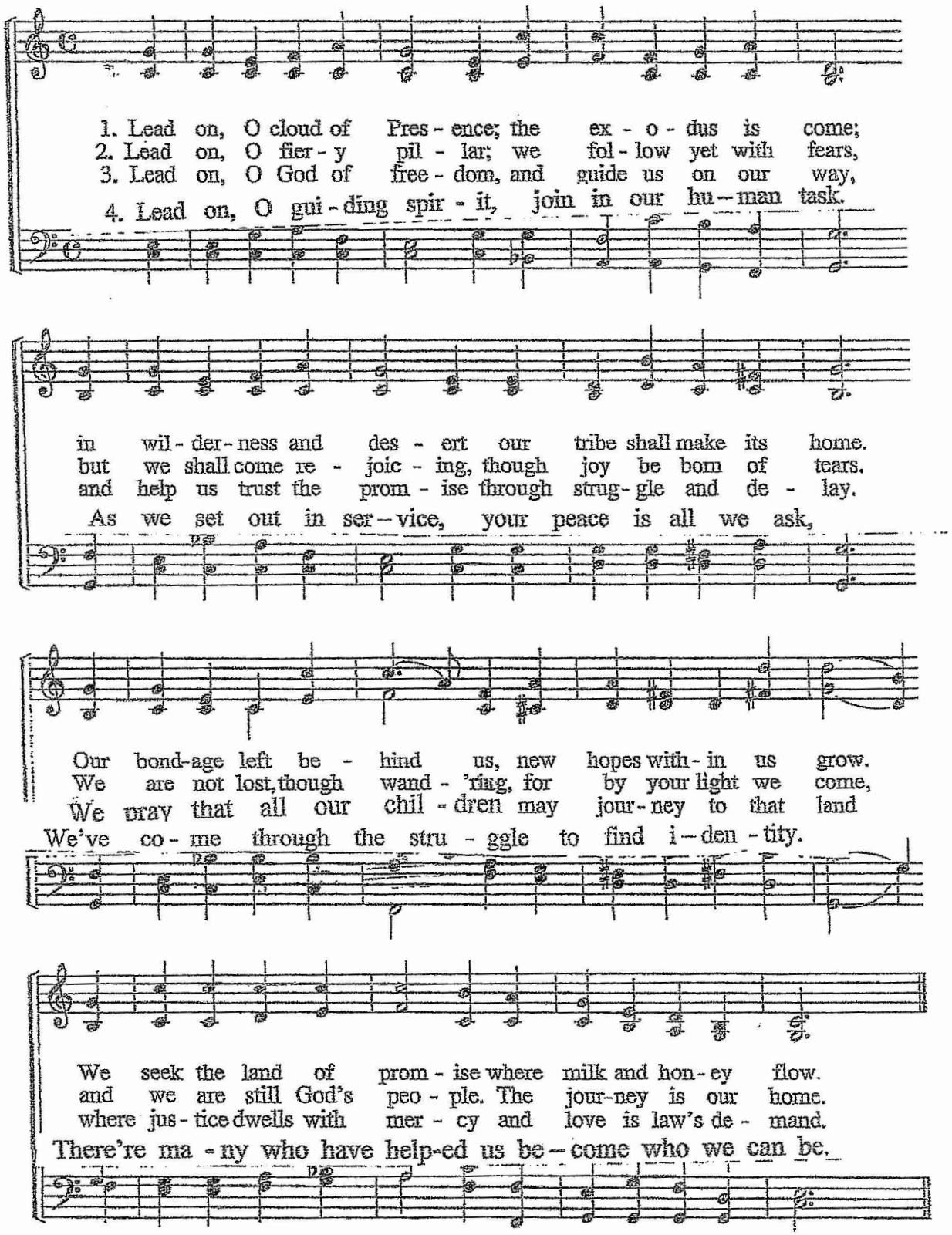
Meter: 7 6 7 6 D

PEACE AND JUSTICE

Text: Ruth Duck, 1974, 1989, © 1992 GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: LANCASHIRE; Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

1. Lead on, O cloud of Pres - ence; the ex - o - dus is come;
2. Lead on, O fier - y pil - lar; we fol - low yet with fears,
3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,
4. Lead on, O gui - ding spir - it, join in our hu - man task.
in wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
but we shall come re - joic - ing, though joy be born of tears.
and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.
As we set out in ser - vice, your peace is all we ask,
Our bond-age left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
We are not lost, though wand - 'ring, for by your light we come,
We pray that all our chil - dren may jour - ney to that land
We've co - me through the stru - ggle to find i - den - tity.
We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour-ney is our home.
where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy and love is law's de - mand.
There're ma - ny who have help-ed us be - come who we can be.

For decades, Ypsilanti 1st Congregational UCC has been using **Everflowing Streams** (1981), Ruth Duck & Michael Bausch as one of our hymnals. **Dancing in the Universe** is a 1992 adaptation of many of the ES hymns and several new ones. Below is more information about **Dancing in the Universe** and the evolution of *Lead On O Cloud of Presence {Yahweh}*

Dancing in the Universe: Hymns and Songs, by Ruth Duck

From the Preface: *Praise is central to the vocation of each Christian.Song—involving word and sound, body, mind, and heart—is a primary vehicle for praise. Through song, the church expresses its highest joys and its saddest laments. Somehow God has gifted me to contribute to the church's song, particularly in writing hymn texts*

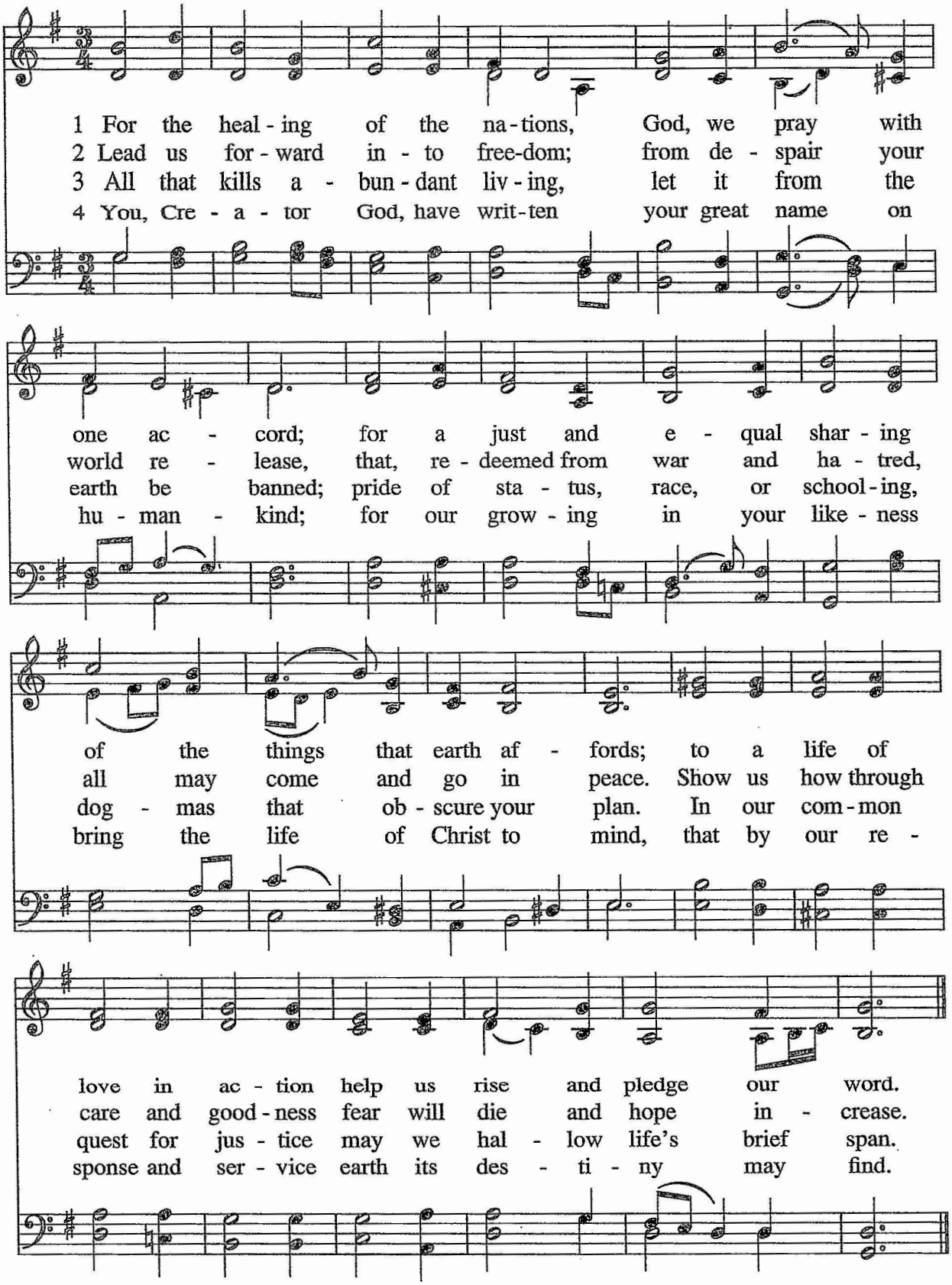
Song can be a primary vehicle for drawing together the church—in conflict, division and worries laid aside for a moment—in the unity of praise. It is my experience that hymns grow out of community. One part of the process of writing a hymn text or tune takes place in solitude, yet I often write hymns requested, from suggestions, and commissions. My hymn texts would be much less worthy without the helpful feedback, critique and teaching many have gently and generously given me. Perhaps one difference between a hymn text and any other religious poem is that the communities of faith who might sing the text are present in the writer's imagination even in the room apart where writing takes place. Writing hymns is not simply an in individual process, it is grounded in communities of faith.
By - **Ruth Duck**

Ruth Duck is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ, a liturgical theologian and retired professor of worship having taught 27 years at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She is best known for her work as a composer, writer and adaptor of hymns. In 1973, she was part of the committee at the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago that produced *Because We Are One People*, the first 20th century collection of original and adapted hymns that promoted the use of "non-sexist language".[4] Since that time, Duck has written over 150 hymns, edited three books of sources for worship services and written on the topic of Trinitarian theology, all with an eye toward facilitating the use of gender inclusive language in the context of Christian worship. She is a leading, contemporary champion for and developer of inclusive language worship sources.

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence emerged from an adaptation by Ruth Duck of *Lead On, O King Eternal.* The old hymn uses triumphalist military language and the new hymn, **Lead On, O Cloud of Yahweh,** speaks to the liberation movement; fiery pillars are symbols of God's presence, guiding people in uncertain times as they journey toward freedom. While the journey may be difficult, we are challenged to not lose hope knowing that God is with us. In dialogue with Willis Elliot, Duck changed the language to *Cloud of Presence* out of sensitivity to Jewish-Christian dialogue. It appears in *Hymnal: A Worship Book,* 1992 hymnalof the Church of the Brethren and two Mennonite denominations.

v4- by John Rohde, former pastor of Ypsilanti UCC. Rev Rohde writes: *While serving as pastor of Olivet Congregational Church in 1976, I was tasked with preparing the Baccalaureate service for graduation of Olivet College which took place at the church. We planned to use* ***Lead on O Cloud of Yahweh*** *as a recessional hymn, but the three verses were not enough for the graduates to exit. So, I wrote a 4th verse to help them make their exit and send them on their way.*

576 For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
2 Lead us for - ward in - to free-dom; from de - spair your
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Purcell, c. 1680
Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

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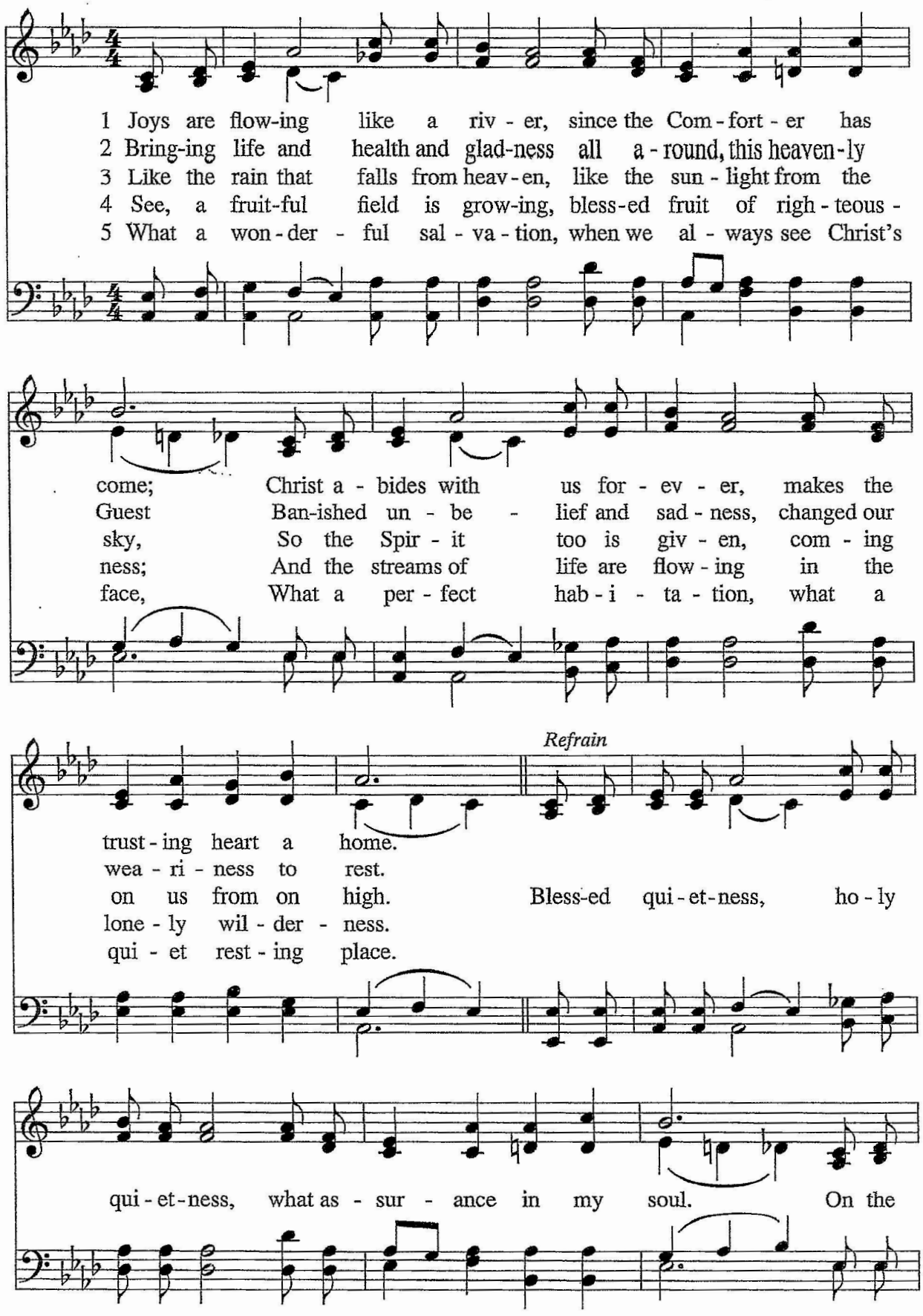
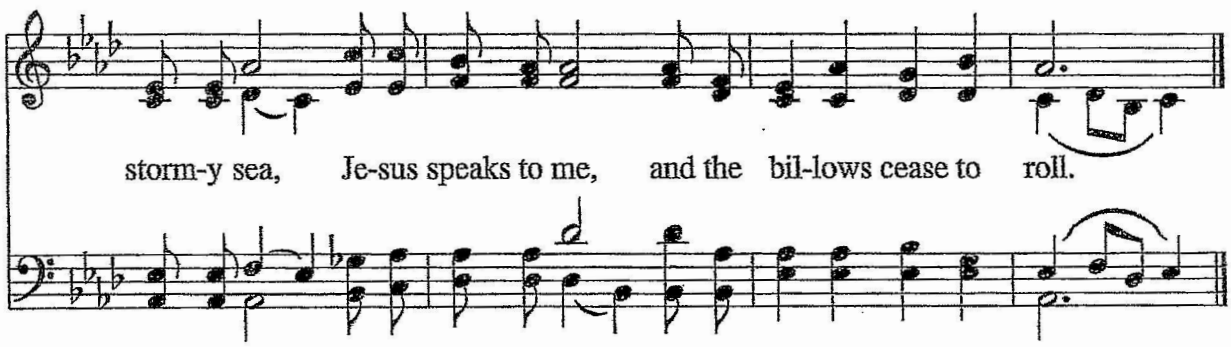
284 Joys Are Flowing like a River
(Blessed Quietness)

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.


1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has
2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heaven - ly
3 Like the rain that falls from heav - en, like the sun - light from the
4 See, a fruit-ful field is grow-ing, bless-ed fruit of righ - teous -
5 What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, when we al - ways see Christ's
come; Christ a - bides with us for - ev - er, makes the
Guest Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our
sky, So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing
ness; And the streams of life are flow - ing in the
face, What a per - fect hab - i - ta - tion, what a
Refrain
trust - ing heart a home.
wea - ri - ness to rest.
on us from on high.
lone - ly wil - der - ness.
qui - et rest - ing place.
Bless-ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly
qui - et - ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the



Manie Payne Ferguson, born in Ireland, was married to a Wesleyan evangelist who established several missions on England's west coast. Ferguson's hymns were published in Echoes from Beulah.

Tune: BLESSED QUIETNESS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
W. S. Marshall
Arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981

284 Joys Are Flowing like a River (Blessed Quietness)

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850) wrote this text circa 1900 following a feeling of holiness or "entire sanctification," as it was called in her denomination, the Wesleyans. The text speaks of the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

Manie P. Ferguson was born in Carlow, Ireland. She married a Wesleyan evangelist who worked on the west coast of England, and together they founded Peniel Missions, with branches in Egypt, China, and the United States. Ferguson lived in Los Angeles, California, in the early 1900s.

W. S. Marshall (dates unknown) provided this setting of Ferguson's text. It is called BLESSED QUIETNESS for the opening words of the refrain. The tune has been arranged in a variety of styles in the twentieth century and is effective when performed slowly with a swaying motion or in a more upbeat tempo.

This arrangement by J. Jefferson Cleveland (b. 1937) and Verolga Nix (b. 1933) appears in *Songs of Zion,* a collection of African American songs and arrangements that they edited in 1981.